

2009 DAS Key Dates

May 16-17	Boat Trolling Tournament Grand Haven (Two-Day)
May 26	Membership Meeting Bass Pro Shop
June 6	Boat Trolling Tournament Port Austin
June 13	“Special People” Outing Toledo Beach Marina – Lake Erie
June 13-14	DNR Free Fishing Weekend
June 27	Boat Trolling Outing Erieau, Ontario

2009 USGS Predator Diet Study

The DAS will be helping out the U.S. Geological Survey Great Lakes Science Center with their Predator Diet Study. We'll be asking all the skippers to collect stomach samples, vertebrae samples and scale samples at our upcoming Port Austin tournament.

The study is being conducted on Lake Huron to see how prey fish are adapting to the change in the forage base. We have kits and instructions for collecting that we'll pass out at the weigh-in.

Bob Ksionzek will have more information at the May membership meeting as well as at the Port Austin tournament.

Check Your Label

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? The month and year your membership expires is below your name. If it's marked yellow, your membership may be close to expiring. Don't be disqualified from a tournament because you forgot to re-up. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150. See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to: Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc.
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Fishin' Tales

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May 2009 Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on **Tuesday May 26, 2009 at 7:30 pm at our new meeting location upstairs inside Bass Pro Shop at the Great Lakes Crossing Mall, I-75 & Baldwin Rd.** Our meetings are always open to the public.

We will be doing our annual Boat Demo in the parking lot prior to the start of the meeting. It won't be as spread out as it has in the past because of some restrictions involving Great Lakes Crossing. The featured guest speaker will be Michigan DNR Fisheries Division Director Kelly Smith. In addition, Member Blaise Pewinski will be doing a presentation on Lake Trout fishing out of Port Austin – Grindstone City just in time for our Port Austin tournament on June 6. There will also be Lexington, St. Joe and Grand Haven tournament results as well as the upcoming Port Austin tournament info.

Of course, there will also be the usual tackle raffles, 75/25 raffle and Every Member drawing. Up to date club information can also be found on the DAS web site at: www.detroitsteelheaders.org



Rob Pinskey caught this nice 17.4# Spring King Salmon fishing aboard the "Sea Haq" at the St. Joe tournament!

Membership News

Renewed Memberships

Robert M. Jones	Walter Romaniuk
Richard Kittle	Gary Rowoldt
James P. Legenzoff	Keith Stafford
Tom Moores	Fred Tebbetts
Ronald Pal	Dick Shirk
Gilbert L. Piesczak	

Memberships Expiring This Month

Rodney Elnick	James Mitchell
Steve Hamilton	Dave Roehr
Ed Horen	Bill Stanley
John Meade	Bruce Tufford

Note: As a reminder, for every new member you refer to the Club, your membership will be extended by 6 months.

Did You Miss The April Meeting?

Club President Mark Williams opened the meeting promptly at 7:30 pm. Mark informed those in attendance that we would hold off on all other business for the evening (except the raffles at the end) and let our guest speaker Dan Keating give us his complete presentation.

That being said, Mark then turned the floor over to Dan. Dan then covered pretty much anything you wanted to know about Salmon fishing from the basics to sharing some of his secrets. Dan gave the audience the choice of discussing technique or lure selection and per their say spent most of the evening discussing technique but did cover some lure selection elements. I would not

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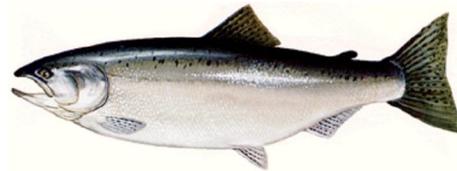
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even attempt to cover the information he presented in this article but suffice it to say, if you were not in attendance, you missed out on a ton of valuable fishing know-how. Thanks to Dan for an excellent and thorough presentation!

The raffles featured a fish smoker and large salmon net as well as miscellaneous tackle packs. The 75/25 raffle 1st prize of \$90 cash was won by Gary Rowoldt and the 2nd Prize of \$45 cash went to Gaspere Aragona. Finally, a name was drawn for someone who was present in the Every Member Drawing. Bob Ksionzek was the lucky member.

cause!! Each skipper of a participating boat will receive a gas card. This will certainly help in defraying some of that gas cost. Please get in touch with me at 248-350-8024 or 248-495-5914 to participate in this truly GREAT EVENT!! Call Jerry Zabel chairman or email me at wish_full@msn.com. If you haven't signed up yet, do so and learn the feeling of true appreciation from these less fortunate individuals. Help us to continue to be proud of the Detroit Area Steelheaders!!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ED HOREN!

Long time member, Ed Horen turned 80 years old on May 7, 2009. Congratulations and Good Health, Ed!

Special People Outing

Hey one and all, this is your invitation to uphold a DAS premier event that has been going on now for (29) twenty nine years continuously. We host "Special People" at Toledo Beach Marina from the Munroe Special needs program, giving them an opportunity to get out on the water, catch some fish, sponsor a picnic, get prizes, and in general have a great day. Members in the past have devoted some time of their own to help out in this special event, and do so gratefully!! I am looking for those who have helped out, and those who have not to do so again this year. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

Toledo Beach Marina was DELIGHTED to hear that we were going to put this event back at their facility, and are accommodating us FREE OF CHARGE because they feel it is such a worthwhile

St. Joe Standings														5/2/2009				
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight										Best 8 Total Wgt.	Best 8 Total Pts.	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points
1	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	8	K 15.90	K 12.70	K 11.50	11.45	K 11.45	K 11.05	K 10.50	K 9.45	94.00	134.00	NONE	0.00	134.00		
2	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	8	K 13.50	K 12.35	K 11.85	11.25	K 11.15	K 7.85	K 7.80	K 6.60	82.35	122.35	NONE	0.00	122.35		
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	8	K 17.40	K 11.55	K 10.50	9.90	K 9.70	K 8.15	K 7.80	C 4.25	79.25	119.25	NONE	0.00	119.25		
4	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	8	K 13.05	K 10.55	K 9.10	8.45	K 7.95	S 7.15	K 7.15	C 3.35	66.75	106.75	NONE	0.00	106.75		
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	8	K 14.30	K 12.75	K 11.25	8.00	K 5.65	K 5.40	K 4.30	K 4.20	65.85	105.85	NONE	0.00	105.85		
6	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	7	K 12.50	K 11.25	K 6.25	3.40	K 3.40	K 3.35	K 3.35	-----	43.50	78.50	NONE	0.00	78.50		
7	Channing	Dan Chisolm	2	K 10.30	K 8.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18.50	28.50	NONE	0.00	28.50		
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20	-	-	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	0.00		

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Sea Hag	King	17.40	1
	Sea Hag	King	17.40	51
	Sea Hag	Coho	4.25	15
	Almost Paradise	Lake Trout	6.05	1
	Bobby's Toy	Steelhead	7.15	3
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				70

	7	Total Boats
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LTWI	= Late To Weigh-In
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UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ	= Disqualified

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Big Fish honors with a very nice Spring King weighing in at 17.4 lbs. Vicki's Seacret won the random draw for a \$75 gas card. We had a great luncheon of hot dogs and Polish sausages, thanks to Port captain Tom Gorguze. All in all, it was a great weekend of fishing with my son Jason and my pal Todd.

Bob Jones
"Bobby's Toy"

TRIPLE CROWN

A big fish tournament in a tournament! This is how it works: DAS will be using the Pentwater, Ludington and Manistee ports for this competition. These ports should produce some really nice catches of fish "BIG FISH". Not every body can catch an 8 fish DAS tournament limit, but I bet you could have the 3 biggest fish of the day!

Before the Pentwater tournament any captain interested must pay the \$60 entry fee. This will cover prizes and trophies for all ports. Prizes will be based on a 60/40 payout per port; let's say 5 boats enter that means 100 dollars will be up for prizes or 60 for 1st and 40 for 2nd.

Now the fun part, when you come to the weigh in line each captain must pick the 3 fish he or she wants to enter the TRIPLE CROWN tournament before they are weighed. At the end of weigh in

the top 2 boats will be awarded cash and trophies based on total amount of boats entered in the TRIPLE CROWN. At the end of all tournaments all scores will be added up to see who in the DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS is to be crowned the best big fish catcher in the club and winner of the TRIPLE CROWN tournaments, with cash and trophies awarded to the top 2 captains.

Now here is a chance for a captain who has not been able to win a tournament or has not fished enough regular club tournaments to be skipper of the year, to go out and show they can catch 3 big fish at 3 great ports and be crowned the best big fish catcher of the DAS club, and the TRIPLE CROWN. Super boat captain!

For more information or if you have any helpful ideas to make this a great event, contact me Blaise Pewinski 248-890-4517. Keep those hooks sharp and don't let those big ones get away.

St. Joe Photos



1st Place – "Silver Addiction"



2nd Place – "Almost Paradise"



3rd Place – "Sea Hag"



4th Place – "Bobby's Toy"



5th Place – "Vicki's Seacret"



6th Place – "Bad Dog"

PORT AUSTIN 2009

June 6, 2009

Near Restrooms in Boat Launch Parking Lot

Captains meeting at 5:00 AM

Drop lines at 6:00 AM Pull lines at 2:00 PM

Fish Calls 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Be in the weigh-in line by 3:00 PM

Lakers and more Lakers. This port is probably the Laker capital of the Great Lakes. Nowhere else on the Great Lakes can a captain go out and target lake trout and catch them with relative ease. My best advice is to fish them LOW and SLOW.

On the Sea Hag we learned this approach from some of the best boats of years past like "Least Likely", "Teacher's Pet", "Trina Dawn", and "Kemo"! Lake trout being a bottom oriented species won't travel too far from their comfort zone to feed. This is where Low comes into play. On the "Sea Hag" we place 1 crewman on each corner of the boat; their main job is to keep the cannon balls within 1 or 2 feet of bottom. The way we do this is to put your thumb on the rigger cable and let it down until you feel slack in the cable or the bottom, then you bring it up 1 or 2 feet. Repeat this method every few minutes and keep an eye on your graph for depth variations and keep adjusting to bottom contours. Remember do not let your cannonball drag too long, because the structure at Port Austin is very rough jagged limestone with many snags. Lakers love to lie right on bottom and a well placed bait will add up to one more in the cooler.

Now let's talk baits, on most days it would be hard to beat a large pearl dodger with a pearl/pink dot spin-n-glow or a green/white spin-n-glow also called the Funky Chicken. Load this combo 6 to 8 feet behind the cannonball and send it down to bottom. Other good combos are chrome fluted dodger with yellow/orange dot spin-n-glow or metallic green/red head spin-n-glow also called the "Least Likely". J and N makes a nice set of cowbells that work great when trolled slow and used with a spin-n-glow or peanut bait. On most days we run these combos on the out down riggers, the back riggers are loaded with spoons set 15

or 20 feet behind the ball. The object of this is to catch the fish that might have been interested in your dodger combo and let it go by. Now it see's an easy meal trailing behind the first offering and WAM I got ya! This 4 rigger set up puts 90% of the catch in a normal days catch aboard the Sea Hag, the rest of the catch comes from deep set dipsey divers and leadcore rods set to fish the occasional suspended fish.

A tactic I learned many years ago from another DAS member Jerry Lee, Captain of the "Sea Screw" in Ludington was the use of a pump rod. Pump rods were used many years ago before downriggers were introduced. On the "Sea Hag" we use one of our wire diver rods. It is set up with a 1 foot drop line hooked to a 1 pound lead weight above this we use a 6 foot leader attached to a dodger combo or spoon. This rig is lowered to the bottom very slowly when it hit bottom just like your downrigger raise it up and let it hit bottom again. Pumping this rod up and down is a lot of work but ask Mark Williams or Rob Pinsky. It took 3 of our 12 fish last year and had 2 other fish hit it.

Now lets talk SLOW for speed, I prefer 1.5 to 1.8 knots for speed when I'm fishing Port Austin Lakers. Another way I check speed in Port Austin because of the current at the tip of the thumb is adjusting my speed so that I have 10% more cable out than my graph shows bottom depth. Lets say you are in 80 feet of water adjust your speed and rigger depth so that 88 feet of cable is let out and just ticking bottom. After a bit of getting used to this method you will notice your EAST and WEST speeds will vary about 3 tenths of a knot, to keep 10% factor working. Cowbells need to be run a little slower than dodgers but the same speed factor still applies. Look for the "Sea Hag" in the parking lot at Bass Pro for our May meeting, where the boat and crew will be set up for Port Austin Laker fishing and we can answer any questions on how to catch Lakers in Port Austin. Until then keep those hooks sharp!

**For more information call Blaise Pewinski
248-890-5417**

Lexington Tournament

The previous week's reports plus the weather forecast for the weekend had the Detroit Area Steelheaders skipper's pretty excited about their chances of good fishing for the 1st tournament of the season. However both the fishing and the weather proved to be rather disappointing.

At the 5:30am Skippers meeting, Tournament co-directors Bob Feisel and Bob Ksionzek, after consulting with Port Captain Dan Chisholm and the other skippers, decided to move the start up a half hour to 6:00am because it was light enough at that time to begin fishing. Saturday morning started out very nice for the 11 boats that showed up. With waves less than a foot and partly cloudy skies, conditions were near perfect. Most of the boats went slightly north towards Camp Cavell, which was the hot spot from reports at the local bait shops. A few went south or stayed out in front of Lexington Harbor. The fishing was pretty slow early on with Bobby's Toy & Sea Hag reporting 2 fish and Billy B., Hardtop & Tails and Loki-One reporting 1 fish each at the 9:00am fish call. It continued that way for the remainder of the tournament. Some boats did begin catching Lake Trout as the day progressed, having to put them back as that season opens May 1st. The wind continued to build through the early afternoon and made boat control into the waves very difficult. All 11 boats made it safely back into the harbor as skies darkened and wind gusts became pretty strong.

Five boats ended up with weighable fish. Bobby's Toy with Skipper Bob Jones and crew took the 1st place honors for the day with a 2 fish total of 31.75 points. Bobby's Toy also managed to catch the Big Fish, a 13.25 oz King, which won them \$55 in the Big Fish Pool. Congratulations, "Bobby's Toy"! The weigh-in was over and the luncheon was about to begin when the rain began to pour and lighting and wind increased even more. The sirens in Lexington convinced every one in attendance to seek shelter. Port Captain Dan Chisholm asked Steis's Village, the restaurant in town where he had obtained some of the food; if we could have our lunch there and they were more than accommodating. Thanks to Dan for the setting up the great meal of salad, fried chicken and various pizzas and Steis's Village for their hospitality. "Bad Dog" won the random drawing for the \$75 gas card. Despite the crazy weather, a good time and meal was had by all. The storm did prevent any photos from being taken.

Bob Ksionzek

Lexington Standings 4/25/2009														
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight						Best 8 Total Wgt.	Best 8 Total Pts.	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points
1	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	2	K 13.25	K 8.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	21.75	31.75	NONE	0.00	31.75
2	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	2	K 10.10	K 3.85	-----	-----	-----	-----	13.95	23.95	NONE	0.00	23.95
3	Vicki's Secret	Bob Feisel	1	K 7.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.70	12.70	NONE	0.00	12.70
4	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	1	S 4.55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.55	9.55	NONE	0.00	9.55
5	Channing	Dan Chisolm	1	K 2.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.25	7.25	NONE	0.00	7.25
6	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00
7	Aquarius	Chris Nytko	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00
8	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00
9	Billy B	Bill Bollenberg	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00
10	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00
11	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00
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20	-	-	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	0.00

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Bobby's Toy	King	13.25	6
	Bobby's Toy	King	13.25	0
		Coho	0.00	0
		Lake Trout	0.00	0
	Hardtop & Tails	Steelhead	4.55	1
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				7

11	Total Boats
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Deduction Code LEGEND	
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A St. Joe Story!

The club met at 5:30AM for our captains meeting. We were met with some brisk winds out of the west but were promised by the weatherman for calm seas and clear skies. We headed down the confused channel at 6:00AM being watchful of the orange markers placed in the water to mark a dredging operation that was going on. We decided to follow the same game plan as the day before and set up to make a couple of passes by the pier heads before heading down to the known king hole south of port. The wind was blowing out of the west and the seas were building to two foot or so as the morning developed. Unlike our pre fish day, we were surrounded by boats going in all directions. The first rod went off at 6:40 AM. We proceeded to boat one Coho after another for the next two hours. Jason and Todd worked feverishly trying to get rods reset before the next Ho hit, it was mayhem at its best. We were running four riggers with double orange crush on two of them and green dolphin on the other two as well as the board program described previously. The fishing started to slow by 8:00AM and the boats started to spread out looking for more fish. The 9:00 AM fish call told us that everyone was on fish but Bobby's Toy was leading with eight fish, Silver Addiction had six with the remaining boats reporting one and two fish in the box.

I over stayed my welcome and proceeded to pound this area for another hour before I finally made the call to pull rods and run down to the king hole down south. The waves were coming out of the south west with a tight chop and two to three foot heights. Needless to say it was a long and painful run south. It took old Bobby's Toy over forty minutes to make the run at 8 miles per hour. By the time we arrived at the previous day's mark it was 11:00 AM and we were still sitting on eight Coho. It was obvious that the fish had moved from the day before. By the 12:00 PM fish call we were able to manage one smaller King to give us a box report of nine fish. Silver Addiction reported twelve fish with most others reporting five or six fish. We had to play catch up.

I started moving in and out until we hit 70FOW and another fish. It was a good King bite until the steelhead from hell hit. It was around 1:15PM, we had landed 3 more Kings and were working on number twelve when it hit. The fish hit a half core rig on an inline board on the port side. Jason was working that side of the boat and was the first to the rod. When the fish hit it took another 300 foot of line which made that ugly spool start being noticeable. The only choice was to turn and chase the fish or risk getting spooled. Thinking back on it today, getting spooled might have been a better choice but after losing a planner board with two colors of lead, my favorite J-11, numerous spoons and another 3 color lead core failure I was determined not to get spooled. I lost more stuff on this trip than I have in the last two seasons. I swung the boat around and headed for the enraged steely. Jason cranked for dear life on the Penn 310 and was gaining line until the fish decided to grab every single line in the water. Jason finally got the fish near the boat when it ran for the very last untangled line and managed to get that one as well. Todd could not get the fish in the net from the back due to all the lines running in every direction so I instructed him to relax, get his bearings and that I would maneuver the boat in such away that he could net it off the side. When it was all said and done, we had our seven pound steelhead from hell in the box as number thirteen.

We had forty minutes to get our last two fish. I put the boat in neutral and we proceeded to get all the tangled mess in the boat to sort out. There was leadcore, mono and Fire line everywhere. I had Jason start cutting lines while Todd dug out extra rods out of the cabin as we did not have enough time to retie and reset lines. There were a total of six rods sitting in the corner of the boat needing to be retied when it was all said and done. We got our setup back in the water, the boat back in gear and headed for that magic seventy one foot depth of water. We boated another king as soon as we hit our first point but there were only five minutes left before the tournament would be called. The number four rigger went off just as the announcement was made that the tournament was over so we were able to boat number fifteen in time to fill the box with our legal limit of fish.

At the weigh in, six coolers were inline to be weighed plus one garbage bag with two fish in it. It was clear to me that five of the seven boats found fish and that it would be a tight fight for the top five spots. Silver Addiction was the first to be weighed with a beautiful box of eleven kings and four Coho. Bobby's Toy was next with a box of eight Coho, one steelhead from hell and six decent kings. The next boat, Almost Paradise weighed in a full box of kings and Coho as well as Sea Hag.

When the totals were called, it was Silver Addiction with 134 points, Almost Paradise 122.35 points, Sea Hag with 119.25 points, Bobby's Toy with 106.75 points and Vicki's Secret with a very close 105.85 points. Bobby's Toy reign of two first place finishes was over with a fourth place finish. Sea Hag took the